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Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking (PIRT) Review Panel
Attn: Ms. Cynthia Lopez, Chair
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Dear PIRT Review Panel Representatives:

I am writing to request your assistance as I continue to explore possible legislation for tracking pesticide use in Washington. Until we have improved access to pesticide use data, I am convinced that we cannot be as effective at protecting our children and general population. This request is pursuant to RCW 70.104.070, .080, and .090(5) (including the PIRT Review Panel's responsibility for, "*Identifying inadequacies in state and/or federal law that result in insufficient protection of public health and safety, ...*").

Specifically, I am interested in your review and advice on House Bill 1946 – Establishing a Pesticide Use Reporting System, which was considered during the 2007 legislative session. As you may know, it received a public hearing on February 15, 2007. I am looking for recommendations on how to increase its potential effectiveness.

I am also interested in any suggestions you may have for possible legislation regarding alternatives to roadside spraying of toxic pesticides. I plan to convene a statutory workgroup to address roadside spraying and look forward to your participation and perspective.

I view the opportunity for ongoing dialogue and input from the PIRT Review Panel as essential to our success as we work toward solutions that serve the needs of the state. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue, please do not hesitate to contact my Legislative Assistant, Liz Merrick, at 360.786.7912. Liz will assist me in responding as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tom Campbell", written over a horizontal line.

State Representative Tom Campbell
2nd Legislative District

cc: PIRT Review Panel Representatives